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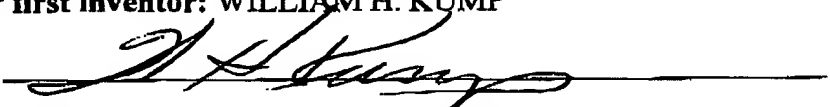
**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR REISSUE
PATENT APPLICATION TO CORRECT "ERRORS" STATEMENT**

We hereby declare that:

1. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

2. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC., is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced United States Patent, which assignment from the inventors was recorded at the U.S. Patent Office on September 25, 1996, at Reel 8152, Frame 162.

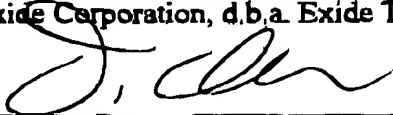
I, Thomas Minner, was empowered at the time of the filing of the referenced reissue application and I am currently empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee, GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC. On September 29, 2000, GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC. was merged into Exide Corporation, but no further assignment has been made of the referenced patent. I was the President and Chief Executive Officer of GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC., through September 29, 2000, the date of the merger. I am currently the President of the Transportation Business Group, Division of Exide Corporation, d.b.a. Exide Technologies, and am empowered to sign this statement on behalf of Exide Corporation, d.b.a. Exide Technologies.

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GNB, TECHNOLOGIES, INC. consented to the reissue of the referenced patent at the time that the reissue application was filed and GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC., and GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and Exide Corporation, d.b.a. Exide Technologies hereby currently consent to the reissue of the referenced patent, the application for which was filed on August 23, 1999, and was assigned application number 09/379,051.

Date: MARCH 9, 2001

GNB TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and
Exide Corporation, d.b.a. Exide Technologies


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